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Serial No. 10/571,296 : Group Art Unit 2622
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VISUAL PROCESSING DEVICE, VISUAL :
PROCESSING METHOD, VISUAL :
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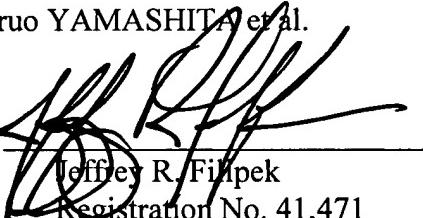
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